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Victim hired to light house on fire: Police

**Homeowners
allegedly
planned blaze**

**Dave
Baxter**
Metro | Winnipeg

Police say the owners of a Glenwood home that went up in flames Tuesday paid the man left in critical condition as a result of the blaze to torch their home.

Emergency crews were called to the home at 68 Fifth Ave. around 5 a.m. regarding a fire and possible explosion.

Police said on the day of the fire, a man had been taken to hospital in critical condition, but on Wednesday police spokesman Jason Michalyshen confirmed investigators now believe the man had been hired to set fire to the house.

Emergency crews found the victim in the 1100 block of Smith

Street after witnesses reported an individual had broken into the home before the explosion and was last seen fleeing on a bike with injuries.

"It's alleged that the victim entered into an agreement with the homeowners to deliberately set the fire," said Michalyshen. "As a result he would be compensated."

Michalyshen added that an "accelerant" was used to light the fire, and an explosion caused the injuries to the victim.

"His injuries are extensive," said Michalyshen, but could not speculate on why the owners wanted the house set on fire.

The victim — who police aren't naming — remains in critical condition, and is not yet facing charges.

The home's owners, Todd Arthur Vandal, 40, and a 32-year-old woman are charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and arson with disregard for human life.

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Donald Trump 'never eating Oreos again.' **World**



IN BRIEF

City targets skeeters in several parks

City crews spent the night fogging in several Winnipeg parks overnight.

Members of the Insect Control Branch were out targeting adult nuisance mosquitoes in Assiniboine Park, St. Vital Park, King's Park and Kildonan Park.

The parks are being fogged because trap counts there have tended to be higher, as mosquitoes gravitate toward treed areas with higher humidity and to places where people are.

Fogging did not occur outside park boundaries.

Fogging in residential neighbourhoods is expected to resume tonight, weather permitting.

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So You Think You Can Dance coming the 'Peg

So... if you think you can make it out to the Burton Cummings Theatre in the middle of January, then you'll be treated to the Top 10 performers from TV's So You Think You Can Dance.

The 10 finalists from the Stage versus Street teams will be in Winnipeg on Jan. 18, 2016 as part of the show's Season 12 tour that will hit 70 cities in Canada and the United States.

Tickets for the Winnipeg show are available at ticketmaster.ca.

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The permafrost test box was built in one week and will be used to analyze things like energy efficiency. CONTRIBUTED

Home's thick skin can handle extremes

ARCHITECTURE

U of M testing efficiency of panels in cold

Donna Maxwell
For Metro | Winnipeg

If there was a fourth pig in that famous fairy tale, he'd have wanted his house built with SkinTec, a strong structural panel being tested at the University of Manitoba.

Mark Pauls, partner-in-

residence with the faculty of architecture, is part of a group studying a home built of SkinTec panels and insulated with regular EPS insulation.

Though durability is one of the test points, the group is more interested in how efficient the home is in cold climates.

"We want to see what it does in winter in the extreme cold. That's the part we're really excited about," Pauls said.

"We want to put some heaters inside, heat it up to 20 degrees and kind of watch where the air leaks out, where the

heat leaks out."

They've got some impressive data so far that shows having just one light bulb on per room would heat the inside to 24 C, even with temperatures at -30 C outside.

"You don't really need an extra heating system if you use the very thick panels," Pauls said.

The product has been used in emergency housing in Africa and could someday be used in remote, cold-weather locations as well.

The test home took just a week to build, and the panels

are light enough that several people are all that are required to lift them.

Glue holds them together, making construction a breeze.

And the Big Bad Wolf wouldn't be able to blow this baby down.

"You could run into the wall, push on it as hard as you could, and that thing wasn't tipping over," said Pauls.

The test house is in front of the faculty of architecture at the U of M and will remain there till winter, when it will be disassembled and rebuilt somewhere else on campus.

CORRECTIONS

Arrest made in prison killing

Mounties in Stonewall have arrested a man in connection to the killing of an inmate at a federal prison outside of Winnipeg.

Officials said Clayton Korski, 33, was found unresponsive Monday at the medium-security unit at Stony Mountain Institution.

First responders could not save Korski, who was serving a life sentence for first-degree murder.

Assistant warden Guy Langlois would not name the person in custody or give details, but police have said a 21-year-old man has been arrested. RCMP said charges are anticipated.

Langlois said the prison remains on lockdown, and RCMP were still searching cells on Wednesday.

The cause of Korski's death has not been released.

A stress-management team has been called to Stony Mountain.

James Bloomfield, Prairie president of the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers, said one person was involved in the inmate's death. He said investigators don't see the death as a prison-wide issue.

When asked what guards saw, Bloomfield said "a very difficult scene is probably the lightest way I could put that."

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AIDS RUNNING FOR HOPE Eveline Buehlmann signs a piece that will become part of a larger Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt at Wednesday's kickoff for the Manitoba portion of the Mylan Relay for Hope. Forty runners are running across Canada to raise money and awareness for the Canadian AIDS Society. Janice Patterson from Alberta, Curtis Boucher from Halifax and Christopher Sala from Hawaii are running the Manitoba leg of the relay which started in St. John's, N.L., and will wrap up in Hope, B.C. DONNA MAXWELL/FOR METRO

Libs vow tax-free kids' sport goods

POLITICS

Price tag per year would be \$3-4 million



Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

The Manitoba Liberals say they have a plan to make it more affordable for kids to get out and play sports.

On Wednesday Liberal leader Rana Bokhari said that if elected the Liberals would remove the 8 per cent PST from kids' sporting goods bought at the retail level.

"We want to make play tax free," said Bokhari.

"The Manitoba Liberal party believes that supporting families and encouraging them to have their kids out there playing sports is not only in the best interest of those families, but also for the betterment of the province."

The plan would cost between



Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said on Wednesday that September is a time when families could benefit from this exemption. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

\$3-4 million annually, according to Bokhari.

"We want to do what we can, so this is a step towards helping

families get their kids engaged in more sports in Manitoba.

"I think it's the right thing to do. Healthy kids equal a healthy province in the future."

September is a time when families could benefit from the exemption, said Bokhari.

"The cost of getting kids ready to go back to school definitely effects families at this time especially right before schools starts, so they definitely do feel the pinch."

The Manitoba Liberals said their plan would start in the first year of them taking government, and work the same as the PST exemption on kid's clothes.

The PST exemption would be for kids up to the age of 14, and would apply to all protective gear, as well as things like hockey sticks, and baseball bats.

The Liberals said they will soon release a comprehensive list of all sporting goods they are proposing to cut PST on. The Manitoba Liberals currently hold one seat in the Manitoba Legislature.

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Todd Dube and others dropped off a petition at the mayor's office on Wednesday. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Wise Up takes fight to city, province

LEGISLATION

Local group disgruntled with speed enforcement

 **Dave Baxter**
Metro | Winnipeg

Wise Up Winnipeg took their fight against the city's speeding enforcement to the steps of city hall and the Manitoba legislature on Wednesday.

"After six years of the facts being completely ignored by this city hall, Wise Up Winnipeg officially now becomes fed up Winnipeg," said founder Todd Dube.

Wise Up Winnipeg claims the city doesn't use standard engineering practices when setting up speed limits on a number of city streets, and then puts photo and radar enforcement in those areas as an easy way to catch speeders.

"Winnipeg stands along as the only city on record that ignores the engineering standards, and then specifically targets those areas most deficient with vigorous enforcement," said Dube.

Speeding fines are 250 per cent higher than the average of all other provinces, Dube claims.

Dube and others with Wise Up Winnipeg dropped off a petition signed by about 1,600 people at the offices of Mayor Brian Bowman and Infrastructure Minister Steve Ashton on Wednesday.

The petition asks for a number

of changes including changes to city speed limits.

Bowman has refused invitations to meet with the group since taking office, Dube said.

"We're here to tell him today that it's not his option to ignore the facts. No more should good drivers lose their paycheques to illicit enforcement."

The group is also calling for city traffic engineer Luis Escobar to be removed from his position with the city.

"I have a professional complaint against him," said Dube. "And when that is properly decided I'm going to call for him to be fired."

Neither Bowman nor Ashton were in their offices on Wednesday to personally accept the petition.

IN BRIEF

Flash Photography Festival returns

Photographers will be using downtown Winnipeg as their studio for the month of October when the second annual Flash Photography Festival returns to the city.

Works of several photographers will be displayed in restaurants, coffee shops and stores throughout downtown, as well as into St. Boniface and Carman and Portage la Prairie.

This year's photographers include Michael Grandmaison, Robert Tinker and Jill Demianiw.

Visit flashfest.net for a list of venues and more details. METRO

HOUSING

Residents irked by illegal rooming units

Residents in a Winnipeg neighbourhood are looking at ways to crack down on illegal rooming houses around the University of Manitoba.

City councillor Janice Lukes says there are up to 100 illegal rooming houses in her ward.

Lukes says houses in the ward are zoned as single family homes and are legally allowed to house no more than two boarders.

The councillor says residents are concerned about safety and upkeep in the area and have told her of homes housing up to 10 students.

Ross Campbell, who lives in Fort Richmond, wants the uni-

versity to take accountability for off-campus student housing.

Barry Stone, head of student residences at the U of M, said a new off-campus housing website aims to give students and landlords more information about legal rentals. Landlords who submit ads will be vetted by staff to ensure what's offered in the ad adheres to bylaws. The website does not, however, have the capacity to ensure the property itself is up to code.

Stone said at one point this summer as many as 500 students were on a waiting list for on-campus housing, but that number is now down to around 200 students. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Leaders debate budget

ECONOMY

Parties trade barbs over fitness as fiscal managers

Canada's three main political leaders traded accusations of fiscal recklessness and promises of budget prudence Wednesday as the health of the economy dominated the federal election campaign for a third straight day.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, trying to carve out a place for his party on the mantle of economic management, promised that a New Democrat government would deliver a balanced budget next year, no matter what.

Easier said than done, countered Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, who suggested — even as he billed his party as a champion of fiscal responsibility — that balancing the books would likely be a matter of years.

All of which left Conservative Leader Stephen Harper saying what he's been saying all along: the budget is balanced now but



The NDP's Tom Mulcair high-fives a girl in a coffee shop in Stratford, Ont., on Wednesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

won't be for long if either the NDP or Liberals form the next federal government.

Asked during a campaign event in London, Ont., whether an NDP government would run a deficit, Mulcair was unequivocal: "We are not entertaining any thought of that."

However, doing away with the Conservative income-splitting measure won't produce enough

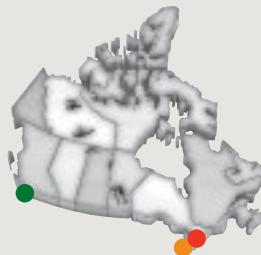
extra revenue to cover his spending promises, Mulcair conceded.

He said he will soon detail how he will stay in the black while implementing new programs, including an ambitious promise of a million child-care spaces within eight years.

"We're going to have a fully costed program," Mulcair said. "Everybody will get to see what the NDP plan is every step of



WHERE THE LEADERS ARE TODAY



- **Justin Trudeau** will be in Toronto and Oakville, Ont.

- **Tom Mulcair** will be in Ontario: Toronto, St. Catharines and Brantford.

- **Elizabeth May** will be in Oak Bay, B.C.

Stephen Harper's itinerary was unavailable.

the way." His details will also have to cover a new promise of a \$40-million tax credit for businesses investing in innovative research, which he promised Wednesday.

Trudeau was electioneering on the outskirts of Toronto, an area that looms as a key election battleground. He promised to give teachers a tax break on school supplies they buy with their own money — and dismissed the Conservative government's claims that the federal budget is already balanced. "We are in deficit now," he said.

Balancing the books will be a Liberal priority, he added, but it won't be easy. "How many years it takes to balance that budget is what we will be talking about in the coming days and weeks."

Harper was in friendly territory in rural eastern Ontario, where he promised to spend \$200 million over seven years to expand broadband Internet access for remote areas.

He stepped up his attacks on his main rivals as reckless spendthrifts. After six straight Conservative deficits, Harper is hardly in a position to offer fiscal advice, Trudeau retorted.

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IN BRIEF

NDP poised to win 174 seats, finds new poll

The New Democratic Party has the backing of an unprecedented majority in the House of Commons, a new poll has found.

The Forum Research poll for Torstar News Service projects the NDP has enough support to win 174 seats in the Oct. 19 election. Justin Trudeau's Liberals now sit in second place with 30 per cent support, while Stephen Harper's Conservatives are losing support and have the backing of just 23 per cent of the 1,440 Canadians surveyed.

The poll, conducted on Sunday and Monday, may have captured anger at the revelations emerging from testimony of Conservative officials at Sen. Mike Duffy's fraud trial, as well as the recent stock market scare, which has heightened talk of a faltering economy, said Forum Research president Lorne Bozinoff.

"Maybe you could say it's a perfect storm for the Tories because they're the ones who seem to have taken this on the chin," he said. "We've said all along that if this economy goes south it's over for the Tories. They're in charge, they're it and on top of that they've built a lot of their campaign around being great economic managers."

Harper's campaign headaches seem to have benefited the NDP, which now has 54 per cent support in Quebec, 41 per cent in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and 39 per cent in British Columbia.

In Ontario, the province with the most seats in the House of Commons, Mulcair's New Democrats lead with 36 per cent of respondents saying they would vote for the party.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Politicians 'screw up' with female voters: Expert



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Finance Minister Joe Oliver's decision to give a speech at a private men's club shows just how badly politicians can "screw up" their appeal to female voters, one political expert argues.

"It's shocking to me that, even today, there are political campaigns and political leaders who don't understand the optics of choosing to alienate half of the population of Canada," said Siri

Agrell, vice-president of communications firm Pilot PMR.

It follows a week of candidates' flat-footed responses to women's issues that have cropped up on the campaign trail.

Oliver's misstep was booking a speaking engagement at Toronto's Cambridge Club, then backtracking out with hours to spare Wednesday after facing fire online.

Earlier this week, Green Party Leader Elizabeth May's platform was called "anti-feminist," forcing the party to make changes. A debate dedicated to women has also been cancelled after Prime

Minister Stephen Harper and the NDP's Tom Mulcair bowed out.

"The timing couldn't be more superb for the opposition and worse for the Prime Minister," said Janni Aragon, a feminist political scientist at the University of Victoria. "In terms of optics, not good."

The finance minister's men's club controversy reinforces the public's view of the Conservatives as the party "aligned with elite, white male experience," Agrell said.

The optics aren't good for Mulcair either, Agrell said. But, he's

done a better job of talking about policies, such as child care, that appeal to women.

The Liberals' campaign for female voters, meanwhile, has been "quite savvy," Agrell noted.

When the controversy over Oliver's speech emerged, the Grits quickly organized. University-Rosedale candidate Chrystia Freeland gate-crashed the private club in front of the media. Oliver's Liberal opponent immediately started offering interviews, criticizing Oliver for ignoring riding issues in favour of Bay Street.

"The Liberals saw that this was

an opening for them," Agrell said. "I think they took advantage of that, and I don't blame them for that."

Pauline Beange, a political science professor at University of Toronto Scarborough, has a different take. Oliver's decision to make the speech, and then cancel it when it attracted controversy, is something that regularly happens in campaigns.

Women's issues aren't a big part of the Oct. 19 election, Beange said, and she doesn't think there should be a debate dedicated to them.

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Killings on live TV

TRAGEDY

Gunman also posted video of shootings on social media

A TV reporter and cameraman were shot to death on live television Wednesday by their former colleague, a journalist who also recorded himself carrying out the killings and then posted the video on social media.

The gunman, who was fired in 2013 from WDBJ in Roanoke, Va., fled the scene and went online, posting the video on Facebook and Twitter. He also reportedly faxed a 23-page manifesto and "suicide note" to ABC News, describing himself as a "human powder keg" that was "just waiting to go BOOM!!!!"

Vester Lee Flanagan II, 41, who appeared on WDBJ as Bryce Williams, had evidently been planning the attack for some time, authorities said. As he fled, he switched vehicles, picking up a rental car he had previously reserved at an airport. Troopers caught up with him hours later and hundreds of miles away after he fatally shot himself and ran off the road.

The live spot by reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward was nothing out of the ordinary: They were interviewing a local official at an



Reporter Alison Parker, left, and cameraman Adam Ward were fatally shot during an on-air interview Wednesday in Moneta, Va. COURTESY OF WDBJ-TV VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

outdoor shopping mall for a tourism story. Then, at about 6:45 a.m., morning show viewers saw Parker suddenly scream and run, crying "Oh my God," as she fell. Ward fell, too, and the camera he had been holding on his shoulder captured a fleeting image of the suspect holding a handgun.

WDBJ quickly switched back to the anchor at the station, her eyes large and jaw dropping as

she said, "OK, not sure what happened there." The station later went live again, reporting on their own staff as the story developed.

Parker and Ward died at the scene after the gunman fired about 15 shots. Their interview subject, Vicki Gardner, was in stable condition later Wednesday after surgery for her wounds.

Video posted on Bryce Williams' Twitter account and Fa-

cebook page hours later showed an outstretched arm holding the handgun. The shooter walked up to the victims and stood a few feet away, but with all three in the midst of the live TV interview, none seemed to notice. The gunman waited until Ward's camera was pointed at Parker, and then fired repeatedly.

The shooting happened around 6:45 a.m. at Bridgewater Plaza in Franklin County, as Parker interviewed Gardner about the upcoming 50th anniversary festivities for Smith Mountain Lake, a local tourism destination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Things were
spiralling out
of control.

W.Q. "Bill" Overton Jr.,
Franklin County Sheriff

IN BRIEF

Colorado theatre shooter sentenced to life in prison

The man who opened fire on a packed Colorado movie theatre was ordered Wednesday to serve life in prison plus 3,318 years, the maximum allowed by law.

Judge Carlos A. Samour Jr. ordered James Holmes,

28, to serve 12 consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole, one for each of the people he killed in the July 20, 2012 attack. He added 3,312 years for 70 convictions of attempted murder, and six years for an explosives charge.

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Suspected train gunman facing terrorism charges

The suspect in a foiled attack on a high-speed train in France is facing terrorism charges, the Paris prosecutor's office confirmed Wednesday.

Authorities say Ayoub El-Khazzani planned to un-

leash carnage among hundreds of passengers before he was overpowered by at least five passengers.

El-Khazzani, 26, has denied having terrorism plans, saying he stumbled on a bag of weapons and decided to use them to rob passengers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OUTSOURCING

No Oreos for Trump

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump repeated his claim Tuesday evening that he would stop eating Oreos, citing the cookie maker's decision to close a plant in Chicago and move it to Mexico.

"I'm never eating Oreos again," Trump said, before adding that he would consider it if he could find some that were made in the U.S.

Trump's claim is partly true.

Oreo's parent company

Mondelez International Inc. announced its decision last month to invest \$130 million in building four new production lines at a plant in Mexico, which will replace nine older production lines at its Chicago plant.

The number of jobs at the Chicago plant will go from about 1,200 to about 600, said Laurie Guzzinati, a Mondelez representative, but the plant in Chicago will remain open.

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'DUST LADY' 9-11 SURVIVOR DIES OF CANCER Marcy Borders, the New Jersey woman captured in an iconic photo taken after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, died Monday at her home in Bayonne, N.J., after a battle with stomach cancer, her daughter said Wednesday. Borders, who was 42, had been working on the 81st floor inside one of the Twin Towers in the attack, but she managed to escape the building. STAN HONDA/GETTY IMAGES FILE; INSET: REENA ROSE SIBAYAN/THE JERSEY JOURNAL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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South Sudan signs delayed peace deal

EAST AFRICA

President signs despite serious reservations

South Sudan President Salva Kiir on Wednesday signed a peace deal with rebels, more than 20 months after the start of fighting between the army and rebels led by his former deputy.

Kiir signed the agreement in Juba, South Sudan's capital, in a ceremony witnessed by regional leaders. Kiir said he was signing the document despite having serious reservations. He signed the same agreement endorsed by rebel leader Riek Machar, said Kiir's spokesman Atieny Wek Atieny.

Machar, the former deputy president, signed the agreement last week in Ethiopia but Kiir refused, saying he needed more time, drawing condemnation from diplomats who want

a quick agreement to end the violence in the world's newest country.

Kiir was under intense pressure to sign the compromise accord mediated by a group of neighbouring countries, with the U.S. threatening new UN sanctions if he failed to do so.

Signing the agreement Wednesday, Kiir said he felt the peace deal had been imposed on him and said it is flawed.

Kiir said some aspects of the deal "are not in the interest of just and lasting peace.... We had only one of the two options, the option of an imposed peace or the option of a continued war.... We are here talking about peace."

He accused rebels of attacking positions held by government troops in two areas in the vola-

tile state of Unity on Wednesday.

The agreement binds Kiir into a power-sharing arrangement with Machar, a political rival whose dismissal in July 2013 sparked a political crisis that later boiled over into a violent rebellion. The fighting has often been along ethnic lines, pitting Kiir's ethnic Dinka people against Machar's Nuer.

The accord calls for the establishment of a coalition government within 90 days and a demilitarized Juba. It also delays national elections until 2018 at the earliest.

The U.S. and its partners welcomed the signing and said in a statement Wednesday that there would be consequences for those who return to arms, urging an immediate and permanent ceasefire by warring factions.

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We are here talking about peace.

Salva Kiir,
president of South Sudan

MIDDLE EAST

Yemeni Scud halted, Saudis say

Saudi Arabia said its military "intercepted and destroyed" a Scud missile fired across the border by Yemeni rebels early Wednesday.

The Saudi military destroyed the missile's launch pad inside Yemen, Saudi's official news agency said. It said the missile was in the Jizan region in southern Saudi Arabia when it was intercepted.

The Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, said in a statement the missile hit a power plant in Jizan.

Yemen's conflict pits the

Shiite Houthi rebels and troops loyal to a former president against an array of forces including southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants as well as troops loyal to President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

The Iran-supported Houthis took over the capital, Sanaa, last September, and in March a Saudi-led coalition started launching airstrikes against them.

A high-ranking Saudi general was killed Sunday in Jizan by hostile fire. Several dozen

Saudi soldiers have been killed in border attacks since the airstrikes began, mostly by missiles launched by the rebels and their allies.

The Saudi-led coalition meanwhile bombed several locations in Sanaa and in the central Marib province on Wednesday, according to tribal officials and security officials on both sides of the conflict.

All officials requested anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters.

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GUATEMALA

Ex-VP held in jail for trial

A judge ordered Guatemala's former vice-president to remain in jail Wednesday while she stands trial on charges of conspiracy, customs fraud and bribery, based on allegations that she accepted \$3.7 million in bribes as part of the scandal that forced her from office.

Judge Miguel Angel Galvez ruled that former Vice-President Roxana Baldetti would not be allowed bail because she held an Italian passport and was considered a flight risk.

On Monday, he ordered her to stand trial on charges of receiving bribes from businessmen to evade import duties.

President Otto Perez Molina also has come under increasing pressure in the case that has pushed the country into political crisis. About two dozen highway blockades were set up around the country by protesters demanding the president's

resignation and that the Sept. 6 vote for his successor be postponed.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that Congress has the power to remove Perez Molina's immunity from prosecution as a sitting president.

Prosecutors and the U.N. International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala requested the removal of the president's immunity based on allegations that he too is linked to the network of officials and individuals who received bribes from businessmen to evade import duties.

According to the U.N. commission, there are strong indications that the president was tied to the criminal ring known as "La Linea," or "The Line," the fraud operation allegedly led by Baldetti's aide, Juan Carlos Monzon Rojas, who is currently a fugitive.

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BEIRUT

Garbage protests grow

Hundreds of people continue protesting in Beirut as a crisis over garbage collection worsens.

Daily protests over the past week were sparked by the trash crisis and now target the country's entire political class and dysfunctional sectarian-based political system.

Organizers of the main protest movement, known as "You Stink," are calling on all Lebanese to take part in a huge rally planned for Saturday. On Wednesday, a few hundred people protested in downtown Beirut.

The crisis began in July after the government closed Beirut's main landfill without providing an alternative for the capital and its suburbs.

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MEXICO

Mistreated wild animals saved

Mexican environmental authorities loaded eight lions, two lynxes, a puma and a coyote aboard two military planes for a trip to a Colorado wildlife sanctuary on Wednesday after the animals were found mistreated or abandoned.

The flight aboard two Mexican Navy transport aircraft was the second instalment in an airlift that will eventually take about two dozen animals

to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colo.

Biologist Ignacio Millan said it was the first time Mexico's navy had participated in the animal-relocation effort.

Millan said the lions, lynxes and puma had been taken from private homes, zoos or circuses where they were often mistreated.

The coyote had been used in witchcraft ceremonies.

Millan said that nine tigers

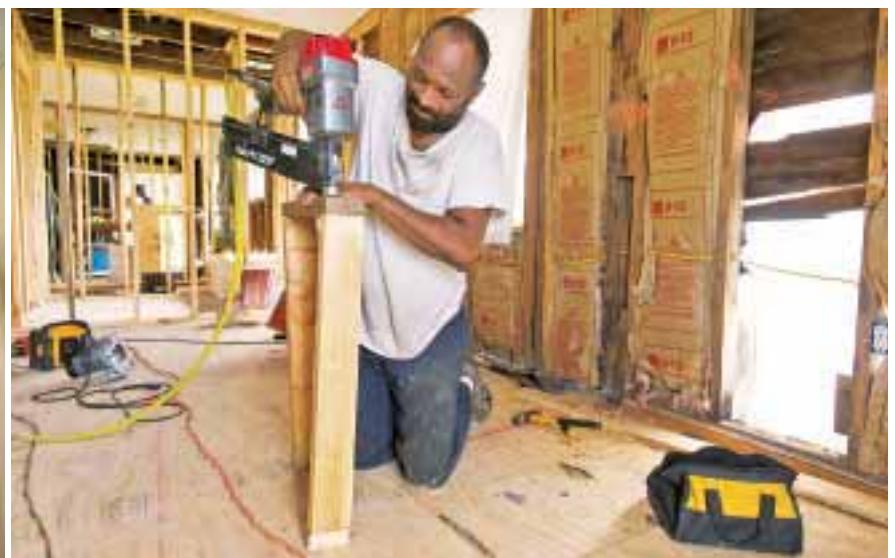
still remain to be transferred to the 720-acre sanctuary, where animals can roam.

Mexico's recently enacted ban on exotic-animal performances in circuses is expected to increase the number of animals that are either abandoned or left in bad condition because many circus owners say they can't afford to maintain non-performing animals.

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A lynx named Black peers from a container before being placed on an airplane in Mexico City on Wednesday. The plane will take Black and 10 other animals to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colo. EDUARDO VERDUGO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Volunteers from lowernine.org help rebuild damaged homes in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans, La. The area was one of the most devastated areas of the city following a levee breach during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The 10th anniversary of Katrina, considered the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, is Saturday, Aug. 29. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

SPECIAL FEATURE

Ten years after Hurricane Katrina, a Canadian woman heads a small non-profit still working to rebuild homes in New Orleans' worst-hit neighbourhood. Metro's **Rosemary Westwood** reports from the Lower Ninth Ward.

Project Grace and Mercy

This is the second in a three-part series on New Orleans' ongoing struggles ahead of the 10th anniversary of Katrina.

It's only 10 a.m., and already it's dripping, sweltering hot — the kind of heat that makes you wonder why you put on a clean shirt at all.

Errol Joseph goes through three or four a day, working on his home in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, a community made famous by catastrophic flooding after the levees failed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Joseph, 64, is getting into his van when I arrive early one morning. He's taking a rest in the shaded driver's seat before heading to the Home Depot for supplies.

His house was heavily damaged in flooding that left 100 per cent of the neighbourhood uninhabitable. And 10 years later, he's still rebuilding.

Around him, volunteers in purple T-shirts cut tile, paint doorways and tape ceilings. Some are from France, some from other parts of the U.S. All are offering free labour through a small non-profit called lowernine.org.

Executive director Laura Paul was living in Montreal when Hurricane Katrina hit on Aug. 29, 2005. In January of 2006, she stopped in New Orleans as part of a road trip, intending to volunteer for a few days. She never left.



"Laura has been on my side through thick and thin."

Errol Joseph, Lower Ninth Ward resident

Paul, 44, started out with Emergency Communities, a charity formed in the wake of Katrina, living in a tent in nearby St. Bernard Parish for nine months. She was a founding board member for lowernine.org, created in late 2006 with the realization that at some point house gutting would need to give way to house rebuilding.

"Katrina did not discriminate," she says her voice rising a few decibels. "It's true. Eighty per cent of the city flooded." She pauses. "Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

A reality borne out by a study, released Monday by Louisiana State University, that found the

black population has declined since Katrina while the white population has increased, and white median income is more than double that of blacks, and has grown three times as fast.

The Lower Ninth is a stark microcosm of the inequality. While 79 per cent of New Orleans' overall population has returned, the figure in the Lower Ninth — once a dense community of mostly black homeowners — is 36.7 per cent.

Joseph was born and bred on this block of the Lower Ninth, and he points out the lots where his neighbours used to live: Miss Elsie and Mr. Jesse, Reverend and Mrs. Sutton, Lady Dora, Mr. Alexander, the Gilmore, and the Simmons.

It'll have taken 10 years by the time he moves home (he hopes) for Thanksgiving. He recounts a decade-long maze of paperwork, meetings, damage estimates and mixed messages from government agencies tasked with residential rebuilding. The process has caused his thick black curls to grey, his weight to balloon 100 pounds.

"I'm exhausted," he says. "We have exhausted my retirement, my wife's retirement, our coffee cans," he says. He lists the friends he owes money: the welder, the guy who installed the electricity pole on his property, the guy who helped him raise his house to meet the required height guidelines.

Joseph got hooked up with lowernine.org in 2009, and since then "Laura has been on my side through thick and thin. I started to give up several times. Laura would say, 'No, we going, we going.'"

Joseph's is a story of bureaucratic chaos that makes his home a testament to both a disaster, and a miracle. He calls it Project Grace and Mercy.

Certainly, there aren't many other construction sites in the neighbourhood.

While rents across the city have soared post-Katrina and housing prices are rising, land

value in the Lower Ninth has stayed low, first because the city originally decided part of the area would become green space, and then because of the slow recovery. There was even a failed plan last year to sell lots for \$100 each.

Operating on an annual budget of just \$149,000, lowernine.org has built 77 houses — only 23 fewer than Brad Pitt's much better-known and funded Make it Right foundation. It is a staggeringly lean organization and it typically provides only labour. Homeowners need to provide building materials.

Lowernine.org isn't perfect. Most of the volunteers need guidance and supervision, sometimes there's a language barrier, and some only stay a week or two. Then a whole new batch needs training.

But I met half a dozen while I was there, and many were repeat volunteers. Graham Hyde, a sardonic 72-year-old from England via France, is finishing his second three-month stint. Vicky Maguire, 32, from Wales, is using her two weeks of holidays to come back a second time. Gregor Ernst, 20, came for seven months from Philadelphia last year, and returned to mark Katrina's 10-year anniversary and help finish the childhood home of one resident he's close with, and see another finally move home.

Paul fields daily calls from residents looking for help, and sees no end to the work, "as long as I

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Lowernine.org is trying to raise \$50,000 — \$1,000 in each U.S. state, plus \$1,000 in Canada, too. So far, \$30,000 has been raised. You can donate online at [lowernine.org](#). The campaign ends Sept. 5.

can keep the lights on."

New Orleans, in all its grit and joie de vivre, is Paul's home now.

"You wander down the street and there's a guy in a prom dress riding a bicycle and there's a naked women and they're all drinking mai tais," she says, and laughs. "It is a passionate and spectacular place to live."

In the midst of efforts to rebuild this community, lowernine.org has created one of its own — of eager international volunteers and determined local residents reclaiming their homes. Joseph says the volunteers who've helped him know they're always welcome at his new, old house.

"I get each one of them to fill out a card about their stay here, and they can make you cry," he says. "You get to be family."

Tomorrow: The gentrification of a troubled city



"Disasters don't discriminate — recoveries do. That's an absolute reality."

Laura Paul, lowernine.org executive director

STOCK MARKET

TSX rises, indexes soar in New York

The Toronto Stock Exchange was solidly higher Wednesday while indexes in New York soared as buyers flocked back to end a six-day slide, the longest on Wall Street in more than three years.

In Toronto, the S&P/TSX composite soared up 230.66 points to 13,381.591 after seeing an earlier triple-digit advance evaporate into a slight loss before ramping up again in the late afternoon.

Meanwhile in New York, another afternoon surge Wednesday gave the stock market its best day in close to four years, as stocks rebounded from a week-long slump.

The Dow fell about 1,900 points over that period, while the slump wiped more than \$2 trillion off the value of S&P 500 companies.

The three major U.S. indexes dropped six days in a row heading into Wednesday on concern that China's economy is weaker

than investors had previously thought. That was the longest market slide in more than three years.

The turnaround at least temporarily ended the bleeding that has driven investors from the market and wiped out trillions of dollars in asset values, but there was no guarantee it would put an end to the recent volatility.

Still, there is no reason for most investors to be overly concerned, said Craig Jerusalim, a portfolio manager with CIBC Asset Management, who added that much of the volatility has to do with investor psychology.

Stock markets around the world have been in flux for more than a week amid deep plunges on China's main market and a decision by its central bank to devalue the yuan in a move to stimulate its slowing economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



TECHNOLOGY VIRTUAL PRACTICE DUMMY DESIGNED TO TACKLE CONCUSSIONS Dartmouth College Engineering graduate Quinn Connell, far left, controls the movement of the team's Mobile Virtual Player during college football practice on Wednesday in Hanover, N.H. In an effort to avoid concussions, the team practices with the newest addition to the roster, which the school says is the only powered device that simulates a real football player in size, weight, agility and speed. JIM COLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Let's end the beef'

MCWHOPPER

Hybrid of signature burgers would promote peace

Burger King is hoping to set aside its rivalry with McDonald's Corp., at least for a day.

The fast-food chain is reaching out to its longtime competitor with an unusual proposal: create a hybrid of each company's signature burger — Big Mac and Whopper — and then sell it at a pop-up restaurant in Atlanta for one day. The profits

would go to an organization that promotes world peace.

"We're being completely transparent with our approach because we want them to take it seriously," Fernando Machado, senior vice-president for global brand management at Burger King, said in a statement. "It would be amazing if McDonald's agrees to do this."

Burger King created a website, mcwhopper.com, that includes a proposed recipe for the McWhopper. The sandwich has six ingredients from the Big Mac (including special sauce, all-beef patty and cheese), and six from the Whopper (flame-grilled patty, onion, pickles, etc.).

Burger King, a division of the Warren Buffett-backed Restaurant Brands International Inc., has also mocked up hybrid employee uniforms and packaging for the burgers. To draw attention to its gambit, the company took out full-page advertisements Wednesday in the New York Times and Chicago Tribune, the hometown paper for Oak Brook, Illinois-based McDonald's.

In a response posted on Facebook Wednesday, McDonald's chief executive officer Steve Easterbrook said his company would "be in touch" about the burger proposal.

"We love the intention but think our two brands could do

something bigger to make a difference," he said. "We commit to raise awareness worldwide, perhaps you'll join us in a meaningful global effort?"

The event would be held on Sept. 21, known as World Peace Day. The proceeds would benefit Peace One Day.

Burger King says it thinks the McWhopper can help promote the efforts of the Peace One Day nonprofit.

"As two of the world's largest brands, we're in the perfect position to influence change," the company said in a video on the McWhopper site. "Let's end the beef, with beef."

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Facebook launches rival to Apple's Siri

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Rumours have been circulating about a Facebook personal assistant since July. Facebook has confirmed that the familiar "Hello Siri" may have a competitor in the form of "M."

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Some wonder if Nova Scotia's Bluenose II ship should be docked in a museum. More tours are cancelled for steering repairs: \$700K on top of a \$20-million restoration.

CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON WHAT THE PM KNEW ABOUT DUFFY



“The last thread of Harper’s version is now so frayed, it speaks to his lack of an alternative explanation that he is still hanging on to it for dear life.”

By the time Mike Duffy's trial wraps up later this year, voters will already have rendered their election verdict on Stephen Harper. But regardless of whether the disgraced senator turns out to be guilty in the eye of the law, in the court of public opinion the tenuous case designed to insulate the Conservative leader from a scandal involving his closest aides has already been blown out of the water.

From the outset, accepting Harper's contention that he was unaware of the extraordinary decision of then-PMO chief of staff Nigel Wright to secretly reimburse Duffy's unallowable expenses involved a significant leap of faith.

And yet, until the latest court developments, more than a few parliamentary insiders — including veteran political journalists such as myself and, more importantly, CTV bureau chief Robert Fife who broke the story — were willing to at least entertain the notion that Harper's version of events could be true.

For one, despite the talk of an all-knowing omnipotent Prime Minister's Office, files have been known to fall through the cracks.

The fact that the PMO has its finger in virtually every government pie actually tends to make such occurrences more frequent.

An octopus does not have eyes to match its many tentacles.

As the PMO was dealing with Duffy, Wright and Harper had many other irons in the fire, including a major trade agreement with the European Union and the planning of a mid-mandate cabinet shuffle.

And then, it was initially suggested that the loop within which Wright had operated was so small that the stratagem could have been engineered without Harper getting wind of it.

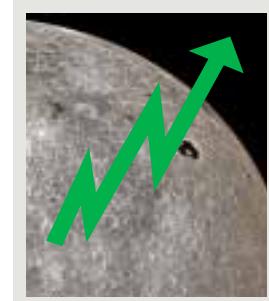
That thesis fell apart when hundreds of email exchanges between Wright, various PMO staffers and the Conservative leadership in the Senate were brought to light by the RCMP investigation.

As of that point, only a bit of chicken wire still held Harper's story together and it centred on the notion that Ray Novak, the aide most likely to have his back, was not in on the Duffy fix.

In the words of campaign spokesman Kory Teneycke, it would have been “unfathomable” in light of the close relationship between the two that Novak would not have shared the information with Harper.

Teneycke made that categorical statement just before the Duffy trial heard compelling testimony that pointed to Novak being in the loop of Wright's initiative.

THE MICROTREND: The mess on the moon



For a mere \$12,000 US — not much more than a typical funeral — San Francisco-based company Elysium Space will lay some of your mortal remains, as ashes, to rest on the moon. The announcement of the service, released with great fanfare this week, doesn't mention concerns about polluting a celestial body that does not belong to us with earthly germs and debris. After all, there's still quite a lot of garbage, including dozens of bags of human excrement, left on the lunar surface from the Apollo missions. SOURCE: CBC

read their mail.

Two: That his reported attendance at a meeting where the Duffy operation was discussed is a figment of the imagination of Ben Perrin, the former legal counsel to the PMO who testified to it under oath.

It has been argued that the reimbursement of Duffy's expenses and the behind-the-scenes manoeuvring that attended it barely qualify as a scandal.

On the scale of the fabricated evidence pertaining to the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq offered as a rationale for the 2003 U.S.-led offensive on that country, the Duffy affair would not necessarily register.

But that still leaves voters with two questions to ponder between now and the Oct. 19 election.

If Harper's most trusted aides — many of whom are still in place — were willing to use every lever at their disposal to lie their way out of an embarrassment to the Conservative party, how far would they go to sway public opinion on a matter of central importance to the government and the country?

And if voters — upon being presented with undeniable evidence of a high-level coverup designed to mislead them — are content to look the other way, how can they expect future governments to think twice about the risks of fooling Canadians into believing whatever best serves their partisan purpose?

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metroview

As an expatriate, I don't have the moral right to vote at home

Mike Donachie
Metro | Toronto

You're either in or you're out.

When it comes to deciding who forms a government, non-resident citizens are definitely out, and that includes me.

Here's how it works in this country: If you're Canadian and you haven't lived here for five years, you can't vote. That's it. Thank you and goodbye.

The issue became prominent in this federal campaign after the Ontario Court of Appeal decided the law should stay as is. This made Canadian actor Donald Sutherland unhappy; he resides stateside but he wants a ballot.

Sutherland argues he deserves a say because he identifies as Canadian. I disagree.

I'm a Scot and a British citizen, and I've been a permanent resident of Canada for 2 1/2 years. Despite leaving the U.K., I have a legal right to vote there in national elections until 15 years after my departure.

I don't exercise that right.

Don't misunderstand me: I know the value of it. I'm aware of the struggle by activists, across many years, to see universal suffrage established. People died to give me a great gift that I have chosen not to use.

I voluntarily abstained from voting in this spring's U.K. general election. And, last

year, when Scots cast ballots on independence from the U.K., I was denied a say due to non-residence. I agreed that was right, though it broke my heart. Scotland voted “no,” but I'm not giving my opinion. I don't live there.

And that's the point. I identify as Scottish. Anyone who knows me, and has tried to penetrate my accent, knows I'm about as Scottish as it gets. I'm engaged and informed and I miss the place. But I won't vote there.

In the '80s, Margaret Thatcher's government introduced ballots for expatriates even if they'd been gone for 20 years. It's reasonable to assume she expected to pick up votes from wealthy expats. The cynicism of that appalls me.

If you permanently leave a country, you should shut up. You can identify as anything, be it Scottish, Cornish or Viking, but if you decide to be resident elsewhere you stop being invested in that place, whether it's immediately, after five years or after 15. I think that connection starts diminishing within months, not years, and, if you vote, it's like you're voting from a past life.

A legal right is not a moral right and, unless you live with the consequences of an election, there in that place, it's wrong to interfere.

That applies in Canada, I would argue. Like Donald Sutherland, I don't have a vote here. But I do live here.

And, one day, if I gain Canadian citizenship, I will vote with pride.

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BOOK EXCERPT LAWRENCE HILL'S THE ILLEGAL

'I'm just running to stay alive'

Author Lawrence Hill
LISA SAKULENSKY

The Illegal (HarperCollins, \$34.99, Sept. 8) is Lawrence Hill's first work of fiction since his critically acclaimed novel *The Book of Negroes*.

The Illegal tells the story of Keita Ali. Running is all Keita's ever wanted to do. He's from Zantoland, one of the poorest nations in the world, where running means respect. And riches, until Keita is targeted for his father's outspoken political views. He escapes into Freedom State, a wealthy island nation bent on deporting refugees. Keita can stay safe only if he keeps moving. As he trains in secret, eluding capture, the stakes keep getting higher.

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Weeks earlier, after Keita's first night in Clarkson — in a forty-dollar-a-night motel that did not demand ID because he paid cash up front — he had gone running in Ruddings Park.

A jogger recognized him as being of the same Faloo ethnicity and asked him to stop. Keita did so briefly, but he didn't give his name or tell the man where he was staying. He listened, though, when the man told him not to travel in cars. Not if he wanted to avoid the immigration cops. They stopped people in cars all the time, the man said, and always demanded the national citizenship card. If you didn't have it, they detained you until they could figure out where to deport you. Some people, he said, spent years in detention centres.

Keita thanked the man and said he had to keep moving. The man asked if he could run with Keita, just for a kilometre. He hadn't run with anyone since leaving Zantoland, he said, and he missed it. Sure, Keita said. He began running again, slowly to accommodate the fellow.

"So," the jogger said, "have you heard of ZRA?" Keita said he hadn't.

"It's Zantolanders Refugee Association. We want the government of Freedom State to hear our voices and to stop deporting people who are found without papers." The jogger tapped his shoulder familiarly, like a friend might have done back home. "We need people in the movement."

Keita nodded noncommittally.

"By the way, you run beautifully. Are you an elite marathoner?"

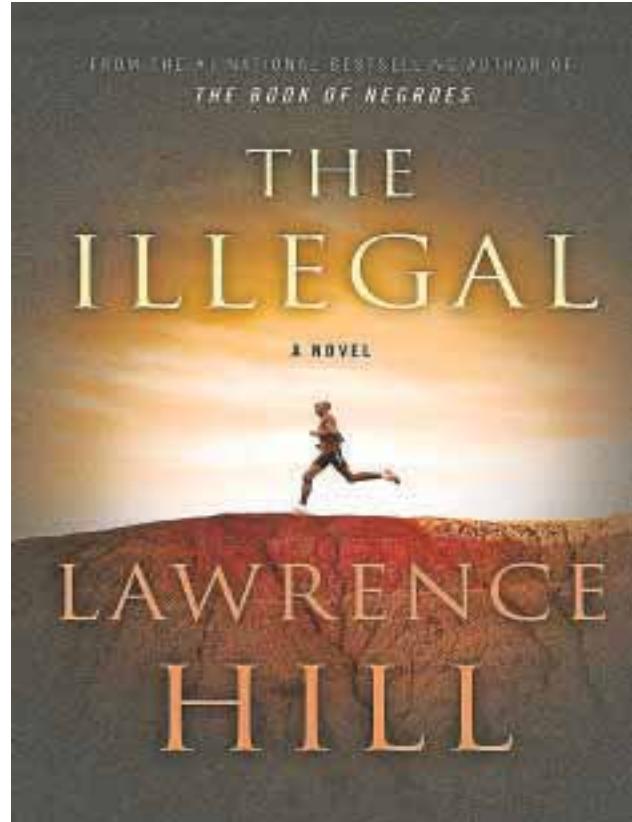
"I was. Now I'm just running to stay alive."

"You could be a role model for our cause."

"Sorry," Keita repeated, "but I can't help you right now." And with that, he accelerated and left the jogger behind.

Keita was heeding the advice not to travel by car. Though his muscles were aching, he

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was sitting at the back of a bus in the Buttersby station, waiting for it to depart for Clarkson. He had killed several hours in the pub, where he sat in a corner, facing a wall, nursing tea and shepherd's pie and hoping to avoid attention. Nobody knew his name or a thing about him, or cared if he was cold or hungry or afraid, but he feared that everyone noticed him.

Keita had boarded the bus the minute the doors opened. The less he was in public view, the better. He chose a window seat near the back. He had barely sat down when a boy — perhaps only twelve years old but travelling alone — took the seat beside him.

To take his mind off his troubles, Keita had turned on his iPod, put the buds in his ears and listened to a country song about a man with a broken heart.

I got the gotta have you
God I want you
Don't you wanna love me blues
Wait all day for you to call my name
But baby baby baby baby
You ain't got the blues the same
No
You ain't got the same.

Keita found it odd that here, in one of the richest nations of the world, bad grammar seemed acceptable in music. Still, the words and music were catchy, and he hummed along until a woman across the aisle gave him a nasty look. He stopped and unplugged the iPod. He had to be careful. One did not hum or sing in public in Freedom State — neither while walking around the street nor while sitting on a bus. People in this country took it as a sign of mental imbalance. To Keita, that itself was insanity.

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Kylie Jenner OK with Tyga song

While the rest of us — and the Kardashian family — might have found Tyga's new track, Stimulated, which details his penchant for "penetrating" 18-year-old girlfriend Kylie Jenner, a little — um — disturbing,



it turns out Jenner herself is totally fine with the track. Flattered, even. "Kylie actually thought that the song was cute and knew about it before it came out," a source tells Radar Online. "It is her first true love and she is very much thinking that she will be with him forever." How ... sweet? But: "There is nothing that Tyga could ever do that would make Kylie walk away from him," the source explains.

"She does not even try to argue with him because he has somehow convinced her that he is the best she will ever get, and she believes him." Sounds totally healthy, yeah. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Manslaughter evidence reviewed

Prosecutors on Tuesday began reviewing evidence, considering whether char-

ges should be filed against Caitlyn Jenner in a collision that killed a woman on a coastal California highway.

The case was being examined by the Los Angeles County district attorney's major crimes division, said Greg Risling, a spokesman for the district attorney's office. There was no timetable for when prosecutors will decide whether to file charges, he said.

Authorities said Jenner

was driving a sport utility vehicle on Feb. 7 when it slammed into two cars on Pacific Coast Highway, pushing a Lexus driven by Kim Howe into oncoming traffic.

Howe, 69, died from her injuries, and her stepchildren are suing Jenner, an Olym-

pic gold medalist. Sheriff's investigators determined that Jenner, 65, was travelling at an unsafe speed for the road conditions at the time and the evidence supports a vehicular manslaughter charge, the department said last week.

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MARRIAGE

Vergara's man gets cold feet: Source

There may be troubling in paradise for soon-to-wed Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello, and it's reportedly all down to the groom-to-be's pre-wedding jitters. "Joe is low-key flipping out right now," a source tells Radar Online. "He said that he does not think he is ready, and all of his friends are telling him to calm down and that he is just having a case of the cold feet."

So what's the main



cause of Manganiello's gripe? The scope of the event. "Sofia's having people fly in from all over the world, and two-thirds of the guests that are coming are invited by her. Joe keeps his circle very small," the source says. NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

Desperately seeking out of sitcom?

SEX IN THE CITY

Source says SJP really, really wanted off the HBO show



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Sure, Sarah Jessica Parker did some career-defining work as Carrie Bradshaw on HBO's Sex in the City, but you would not believe how much she didn't want to do the show at first.

Or maybe you would, I don't know. I'm not a mind-reader.

But anyway, fellow thespian Seth Rudetsky just finished a production with Parker and her husband, Matthew Broderick, in Prov-

incetown, Mass., and he's come home with some revelations from the lady herself that he's sharing over on Playbill.com.

Chief among them is the lengths Parker went to in order to try and get out of her Sex in the City contract.

"She was reluctant to do the pilot because she didn't really want to do a series. However, she loved the script so she filmed it and then forgot about it," Rudetsky writes.

"Months later she found out the show was picked up and she completely wanted to get out of it. I mean, completely."

So, completely, then?

"She tried various ways to get out of it including telling HBO that she would film three projects for free if they'd release her from her contract," he reveals.

That's pretty severe, as far as negotiating tactics go.



Seth Rudetsky claims that early on, Sarah Jessica Parker went to great lengths to get out of her Sex in the City contract.

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Kanye's Vanguard

If you were worried that there might be fewer reasons for Kanye West's ego to keep itself inflated, rest easy.

MTV has announced that it is celebrating West with this year's Video Vanguard Award — basically the network's lifetime achievement award — at the VMAs. Previous recipients have included Michael Jackson — for whom the award is named — Madonna, Beastie Boys, U2 and Beyoncé.

I can only assume Taylor Swift will be getting it next year.

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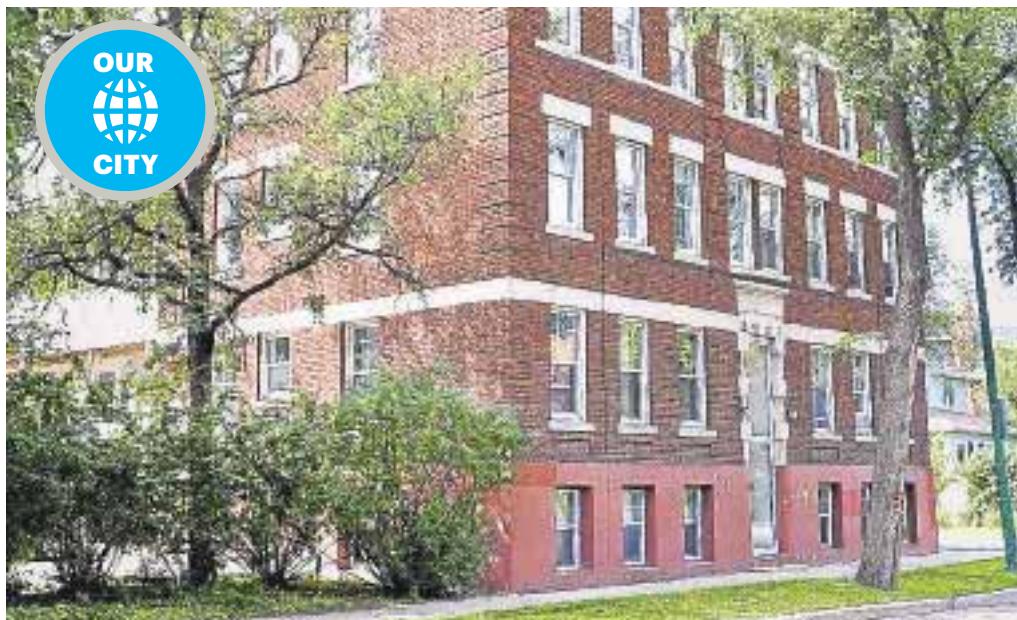


What they're asking

Midrise condominium buildings blend well into existing, established neighbourhoods. This week, Metro looks at one-bedroom suites in newer resale midrise buildings around the downtown.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

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Winnipeg

What's old is new again at 980 Grosvenor Ave., in the Crescentwood neighbourhood. This character condo has been completely modernized and restored. Listing agent Kenneth Clark says, "This one was built in 1923, a three-storey walk-up. The suite is gorgeous and completely remodelled." It features a bright and sunny top-floor location, a corner suite with windows on three sides. Bus service is at the door, and a grocery store and trendy restaurants are walkable. Clark is a broker with Realty Executives Premiere, 204-955-3887.



\$488,800

Calgary

This rare, top-floor unit at Providence Kensington is located in the Hillhurst area. It faces south to enjoy the sunlight, and the downtown skyline out the patio door. "This unit is one of the nicest in the building," says listing agent Justin Havre. There's a built-in desk, and a modern, high-end Murphy bed. The kitchen features granite counters, rich cabinets, cork floors, air conditioning and underground parking. The building is in the heart of Kensington, close to shopping and downtown. Havre is an associate with RE/MAX First, 403-278-2900.



\$285,800

Edmonton

Here's a trendy, 829-sq.-ft., one-bedroom condo for sale in the Century Park building. It features a modern, open floor plan with nine-foot ceilings. The suite includes granite countertops in the kitchen, a counter-height eating bar and stainless steel appliances. The bathroom has an enclosed glass shower and marble tile. There's an exercise room in the building and an underground parking spot. It's close to shopping and restaurants, and the LRT is at the door. Listing agent Darlene Strang is an associate with Re/Max Real Estate, 780-908-3131.



\$297,900

Halifax

This one-bedroom suite at The Anchorage in Dartmouth overlooks the canal with harbour views. It features an open-concept floor plan with floor-to-ceiling windows to maximize natural light. Listing agent Rose Brine says that residents have access to the Marina. The kitchen has high-end Bosch stainless steel appliances and polished granite countertops. The great room is perfect for entertaining, with a breakfast bar dividing the living room and kitchen. Brine is an associate with Royal LePage Anchor Realty, 902-471-2934.



\$369,900

Vancouver

Here's a charming unit for sale on Robson Street in Vancouver. The Robson Garden is a well-managed all-concrete building located in the dynamic downtown core. The suite is a large, south-facing one-bedroom unit with lots of light, private and very quiet, with views of the city skyline. The building boasts a Walk Score of 98, and parking is available for \$25 per month. The listing agent is Yi (Leo) Zhang with Sincere Real Estate Services, 778-238-9619.



\$338,000

Toronto

"A boutique condominium with a superb location," says listing agent Alex J. Wilson. The unit is located in the heart of Toronto's financial and entertainment districts. The condo is close to the University subway line, as well as shopping, theatre and restaurants on King Street West. Building amenities include an outdoor pool, games room, a party room, and 24-hour concierge. The suite includes all windows coverings and appliances. Wilson is with RE/MAX Condos Plus Corporation, 416-996-5181.



\$234,900

Ottawa

For sale is a loft-style apartment in the Centretown area. Built in 2013, it's located in the heart of downtown, with a view of Bank Street from its floor-to-ceiling windows with western exposure. Listing agent Elaine Smallwood says the building has mostly young urban professionals who walk, bike or bus. The suite has concrete pillars and ceiling, as well as hardwood and tiled floors. Amenities include a pool, patio, barbecue, a gym and media room. Smallwood is a sales representative with Royal LePage Performance Realty, 613-859-6129.

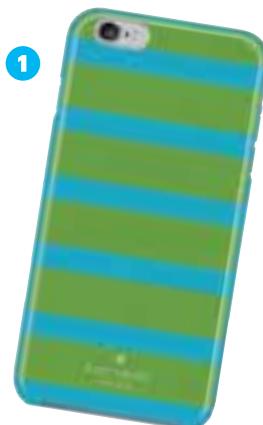
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INTERIOR DESIGN

How to get a homemade feel



Two simple, handmade wooden sculptures add a casual charm to a fireplace mantle designed by Burnham Design.

BURNHAM DESIGN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter his client's taste or budget, interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn follows this rule: For every large, manufactured item that he adds to a room, he includes three handmade pieces.

They might be anything from "patchwork pillows and hand-woven throw rugs to a repurposed object made into a table lamp," he says. They could be expensive or totally affordable. The key is they were made by a person, not a machine.

"Handmade objects have become more and more in demand over the past 10 years," says Flynn, of Flynnside Out Productions. "People seem to really love the story behind how things are made," and they want their homes to have the meaning and character that the pieces evoke.

With flea market and craft fair season in full swing, we've asked Flynn, and Betsy Burnham of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, what kinds of handmade items they seek, where to find them and how to use them in decorating.

What works

It's easiest to start small. The items on your coffee table might include hand-thrown pottery or hand-painted trays, side-by-side with books and other mass-produced pieces. Handmade candle holders and pillows are also easy to find, as are little sculptures.

duced pieces. Handmade candle holders and pillows are also easy to find, as are little sculptures.

"Any accessory collection should include organic or hand-crafted items because, honestly, who wants shelves full of manufactured knickknacks?" asks Burnham.

Flynn likes to have one or two handmade fabrics in every room — for instance, the artisanal fabric of Zak and Fox.

Where to find it

Flea markets and craft fairs are perfect places to buy handmade or just browse for ideas. And the Internet has made finding handmade items easy year-round: Etsy.com and UncommonGoods.com are two popular sites.

When you find something, try to discover a bit about its history. Burnham's clients enjoy handmade items more "when they know the provenance and the story behind a piece," she says.

How to use handmade decor

Flynn loves to place objects made from stone or other materials with "organic imperfections" on smooth, machine-perfect surfaces.

"When I've got pristine bookshelves to display interesting things," he says, "I love the juxtaposition of a fluid, biomorphic shape with rough texture against something rigid and linear. That creates visual tension, something designers use to add depth."

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Silver Heights sales a summer success story

There is a rising demand for condos in established neighbourhoods if the response to a new local townhome development is any indication.

StreetSide Developments, a Qualico Company and Winnipeg's largest condo developer, has seen unprecedented success in the pre-sales of its collection of townhomes in Silver Heights, Golden Gate Estates.

"We are thrilled to be around 50 per cent sold out with possessions beginning in October," says Marty Maykut, vice-president of StreetSide Developments.

The townhomes have garnered 25 offers and reserves in the span of two months since pre-sales kicked off.

"Silver Heights residents are after the bungalow lifestyle," he says. "It offers the feel of detached single-family homes without the hassle and maintenance."

StreetSide has found a niche diversifying home ownership in well-established neighbourhoods, with more projects in development for Charleswood, Fort Rouge, and West Transcona.

"Winnipeggers often know where they want to buy most," Maykut says. "Down-sizers and new homeowners aren't set-



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Yankees outfielder Carlos Beltran watches as fans vie to catch a home run ball hit by the Astros' Evan Gattis on Wednesday in New York. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Questions remain about Jets roster with camp on horizon



VIEW FROM THE 300S
Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

It's hard to believe that summer is almost in the books and hockey season is right around the corner. Squeeze in a couple more rounds of golf and a few more barbecues because we'll be dropping the puck on an NHL season and an AHL season here in Winnipeg in just over a month.

After a very quiet off-season for the Jets, three major questions remain in regards to the 2015-16 season

as the team gathers in September.

What about contract extensions for Buff & Ladd?

Undoubtedly the biggest story surrounding the Jets is the pending free agency of captain Andrew Ladd and Dustin Byfuglien after the upcoming season. It seemed there was quite a bit of optimism that the team would have Ladd signed early in the summer. That hasn't happened yet and with nothing to report on that front everything has been quiet on Byfuglien as well. Clearly the Jets are wrestling with not only the cost but especially

the term on new contracts for these cornerstones of the team, players that will be on the back nine of their careers when any extension kicks in.

These high stakes decisions can be franchise altering. Both Ladd and Byfuglien are hugely important to the Jets and also have significant trade value in the league. If the team can't get signatures from these players on extensions in camp or early in the schedule, cue up the trade buzz that will grow louder each week as the season continues.

How many rookies will crack the team?



Nikolaj Ehlers

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Four forwards from the Jets roster that played play-off hockey in April are gone in Michael Frolik, Jim Slater, Jiri Tlusty, and Lee Stempniak. Frolik left to Calgary as a free agent while Alex Burmistrov returns from his time in the KHL. That leaves three openings up front that will likely be filled by young players from within the Jets' system. Nikolaj Ehlers is the best

bet to crack the lineup, with Nic Petan, Joel Armia, Andrew Copp, Brendan Lemieux and Scott Kosmachuk among the group battling for a roster spot with the NHL club. As it stands right now two or three of these players could very well be Jets this season.

With a crowded blue line including 10 one-way NHL contracts and a presumed Pavalec/Hutchinson combo in goal, expect top prospects Josh Morrisey, Connor Hellebuyck and Eric Comrie all to begin the season with the Moose. Comrie may even see some time in the ECHL

to ensure he gets maximum playing time early in his pro career.

What if the rookies aren't ready this season?

Bringing in rookies to an NHL lineup includes inherent uncertainty. Luckily for Kevin Cheveldayoff it's a buyer's market now for NHL GMs. Of the four players gone from the Jets roster, only Frolik has a contract. There is still plenty of experienced NHL talent available on the free agent market. If there is a need to add another player up front on a one year deal, it won't be difficult to do at a reasonable price.

Evan almighty over Yankees

MLB

Gattis' pair of homers lifts Astros to series victory

A green laser beam bounced around a fog-filled clubhouse, music blared from all corners of the darkened room. It's a post-game party that's becoming commonplace with these Houston Astros.

Evan Gattis hit two home runs, Collin McHugh excelled once again and the Astros exceeded last season's win total, beating the New York Yankees 6-2 Wednesday.

"You could tell the pieces were here," said Gattis, in his first year with Houston. "We're not on an island out there. We could see it."

Still, did he expect such a dramatic turnaround?

"Maybe not this quick," he said.

The AL West leaders improved

WEDNESDAY INN.Y.

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to 71-57, a year after going 70-92. With almost six weeks left on the schedule, the Astros already have achieved their best season since 2010.

Houston also managed to win a road series for the first time since mid-June at Colorado, taking two of three at Yankee Stadium.

"We see what we've done and haven't done," McHugh said. "It's always there."

Following four seasons in which they averaged 104 losses, the Astros now lead the majors in home runs and have the best ERA in the AL and the most stolen bases.

"We have a lot of strengths,"

We didn't swing the bats extremely well against Cleveland or Houston, and that's kind of been the root of our problems. Joe Girardi

manager A.J. Hinch said. "We can do a lot of damage."

The Yankees have lost five of seven, a slide that's cost them first place in the AL East. The Astros kept them skidding.

"They pitch very well, good defence and they hit the ball out of the ballpark. That's a pretty good combination," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "And they can steal bases."

"They got the best of us," he said.

Gattis sliced an opposite-field shot to right in the second inning and launched a long drive into the left-field seats in the eighth. His third homer in two days gave him 22 this year and boosted the Astros' total to 174.

McHugh (14-7) kept up a recent run of ace pitching, both for himself and the team. Houston has won seven of nine, setting a team record by not permitting more than two runs in any of them. The last AL team with a longer streak was Baltimore in 1974, which went 10 in a row.

Michael Pineda came off the disabled list after missing nearly a month because of a strained right forearm. New York needs him to do well, especially after putting starter CC Sabathia on the DL this week, but Pineda was tagged for five runs on six hits and a walk in 4 1/3 innings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada has to run clean race: Coach



Canada was denied a bronze medal at the 2012 Summer Games when it was ruled Jared Connaughton stepped on a line. ERIC FEFERBERG/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

RELAY TEAM

Gilbert says team is capable but 'mistakes happen'

Former sprinter Glenroy Gilbert knows first-hand that when 16 large men are travelling through a small space at top speed, there is bound to be trouble.

And Canada has certainly had its fair share lately. Canada's men's 4x100-metre relay team has seemingly been disqualified in more races than not over the past few years, and it's a trend Gilbert would like to see end at the world championships Saturday.

"It's a difficult event," said Canada's relay coach in Beijing.

"These are big guys and these lanes are 48 inches wide, and you're trying to pass a stick with

guys running at pretty high velocities in a 20-metre box. It's not easy, technically you have to be very sound."

"And if you're trying to win, you really have to push the exchange zones. And by pushing them however, you can push them a bit too much and run into error."

The Canadians seemingly had bronze in their hands at the 2012 London Olympics, but jubilation turned to heartbreak when they were disqualified for a lane violation — Jared Connaughton had stepped on the inside line. Since then, Canada was DQ'd at last summer's Commonwealth Games and the IAAF World Relays earlier this year — both for violations in the exchange zone. Then at last month's Pan Am Games in Toronto, the Canadians were draped in the Maple Leaf, already celebrating victory, when three countries launched a

joint protest. Gavin Smellie had stepped on the line. Canada was DQ'd again.

"They're humans, even though they've done it time and time again, mistakes happen," Gilbert said. "You try to get around the corner in a shorter distance, but you don't realize how close you are."

Gilbert pointed out the rules weren't as strict when he competed — a runner had to step on the line three consecutive times to be disqualified.

"I tell the (current) guys all the time, for me personally, I'd love nothing better than to see them run as fast as we did, or faster," Gilbert said. "Are they capable? For sure they're capable. But I also told them: 'you've got to go out there and not make mistakes.'"

Canada's pool of relay runners includes Andre De Grasse, who's coming off a remarkable bronze-medal performance in the 100 metres, Aaron Brown, Brendon Rodney, Gavin Smellie, Akeem Haynes and Justyn Warner.

Gilbert said the team has the potential to win a medal. Canada ran a clean race at the world championships two years ago to capture bronze.

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if you're trying to win, you really have to push the exchange zones. And by pushing them however, you can push them a bit too much and run into error.

Glenroy Gilbert, Team Canada relay coach

200-M SPRINT

Bolt brims with confidence ahead of Round 2 with Gatlin

A day before another showdown with his latest rival, Usain Bolt didn't show even the slightest trace of anxiety.

Why would he? When you're this good — the Jamaican is going for a fourth straight world championship title in the 200 metres on Thursday night in Beijing — you can afford to be extremely confident.

"When it comes to the big time, I always show up and get things done," Bolt said.

Justin Gatlin could have something to say about that. The American gets another crack at Bolt after losing a close race in the 100 on Sunday.

Gatlin was actually a favourite among the bettors in that one, in part because he looked so dominant in the rounds. This time, not so much. This is Bolt's favourite event.

"I'm more professional with 200 metres," Bolt said.



Usain Bolt eased through his 200-metre heats and is favoured in Thursday's final.

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"I'm just trying to get it done."

Their semifinal heats on Wednesday were a contrast in

styles. Gatlin went out with a vengeance, winning his heat in 19.87 seconds, which was the second-fastest semifinal time at the worlds.

"I didn't think I was running that fast," Gatlin said.

Bolt didn't run all that hard at all. Maybe for the first 150 metres or so, but after that he put it on cruise control.

He even flashed a quick grin at South African sprinter Anaso Jobodwana, who was trying to push him from the lane to his left.

"It was very easy," Bolt explained. "I don't expend a lot of energy. It was a smooth race."

"I've learned over the years I'm a great competitor. Everybody knows that. It's all about focus now."

Gatlin is focused, too. On catching up to Bolt. On breaking his rival's hold on the world title.

A day before the final, he wasn't about to give away any race strategy about how he was going to accomplish that, only saying his plan was to "stay in front."

"That's what it's going to take," Gatlin said. "I think I have a lot left in the tank."

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Showing people that when it comes to the big time, I always show up and get things done.

A confident Usain Bolt in the lead-up to the 200m sprint at the world championships



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIERS ROONEY TREBLE PUTS UNITED BACK INTO EUROPE

Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney ends a drought of 10 competitive games without a goal by scoring a 2nd leg hat trick against Club Brugge at Jan Breydel Stadium on Wednesday in Bruges, Belgium. United won the tie 7-1 on aggregate.

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IN BRIEF

Kenya's first-ever field gold overshadowed by runners' doping suspensions

Kenya made history at the world championships on Wednesday when javelin thrower Julius Yego won the first gold medal in a field event for a country renowned

as a distance running cradle.

The surprising gold, however, came on a day when two Kenyan runners were suspended for testing positive for doping, raising questions about the country's dominance so far in Beijing.

Kenya leads the medals

table with six gold and 11 medals overall. It's been an up-and-down world championships for Kenya. "I can't dwell on that," Yego said. "I always believe you can win clean, so it's a shame." Yego's won with 92.72-metre throw.

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RECIPE Brownie à la mode**EAT LIGHT AT HOME**
Rose Reisman
rosereisman.com
**Ready in**
 Prep time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 15 minutes
 Serves 12
Ingredients

- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat yogurt or reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 scoop (3 oz) frozen yogurt (optional)
- Icing sugar

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a 10-inch ovenproof skillet with cooking oil.
2. To make the brownies: Combine the sugar, oil, egg and vanilla in a bowl and mix well. Add the cocoa, mixing it in well. Add the flour, baking powder, yogurt and chocolate chips, mixing just until combined and smooth. Don't overmix.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared skillet. Bake in the centre of the oven for 15 minutes, just until set. Sprinkle with icing sugar, if desired. Serve with frozen yogurt or light ice cream if using.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 140
- Protein 2 g
- Carbohydrates 20 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 7 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 20 mg
- Sodium 15 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Elegant instruments
6. Actress Ms. Gertz
10. US docs' org.
13. Literature's T.S.
14. Rice: _
16. Getaway
17. Backslide
18. "Magic Mike" (2012) workplace: 2 wds.
20. Soft drink that has replaced aspartame in The States, but not in Canada: 2 wds.
22. Jostle
23. Tiny Tim's instr.
24. Farmers market, avenue and Metro station sharing the same name in Montreal
26. Emily Carr is wearing glasses in hers at the National Gallery of Canada
31. Unfeigned
32. 'Problem' suffix
33. Not in, Canuck-style
36. "___ of God" (1985)
38. "Gangnam Style" rapper
39. Bisect

41. Peat's pal?
42. Tight
44. Docking spot
45. "The ___" (2000) George Clooney movie about the fishing vessel Andrea Gail ...parts of its wreckage washed up on the remote shores
49. Question/interview post-mission
52. 'Restrict' suffix
53. Acrylic fabric
54. Some houses
60. Nova Scotia: ___ of the Atlantic (Sable Island's nickname because of the many
- shipwrecks)
62. Leg bone
63. Melanie, to Dakota
64. Battle royal
65. Crunchy
66. Beer
67. Wing-like
68. Fasteners secured with padlocks

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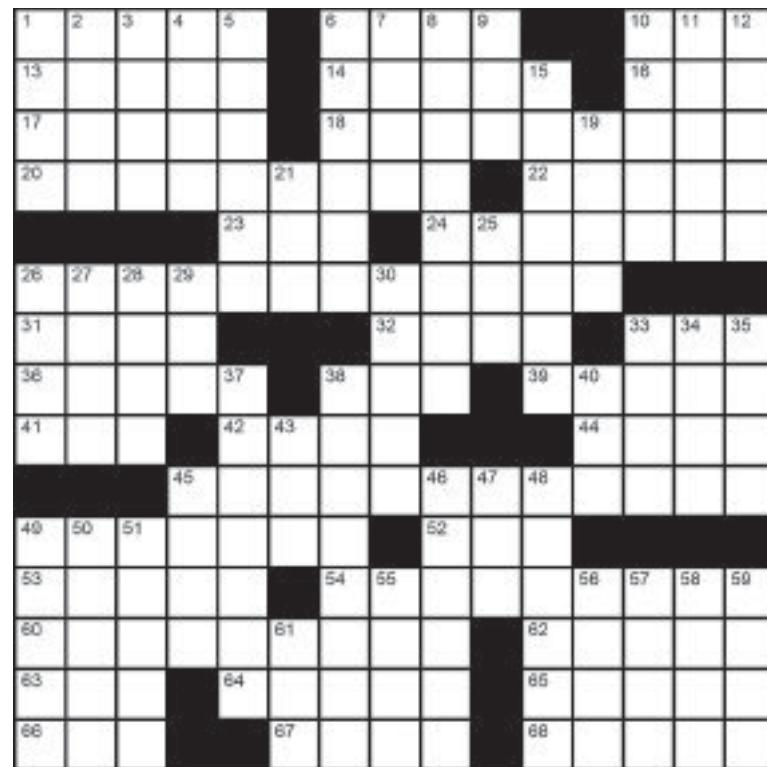
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DOWN

1. Had in hand
2. Jai ___ (Court game)
3. Fruit's ready-to-be-eaten status
4. Station
5. ___ to the plate
6. National park

 designated a Dark-Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
 7. ___ & Sciences
 8. Professor ___ (Character regarded as the 'Napoleon of crime' by Sher-

- lock Holmes)
- 9. Pasta names suffix
- 10. Dispense
- 11. Purple hue
- 12. Fossil resin
- 15. ___ Sparrow (Bird known to only breed on Sable Island)
- 19. Talk
- 21. Mr. ___ ("Lost" character)
- 25. Mai ___ (Cocktail)
- 26. Quick attempt
- 27. Therefore
- 28. Breather's one-of-two
- 29. Charge
- 30. Sample the food
- 33. Odd mixture
- 34. Completed
- 35. Condition
- 37. Feminism pioneer Gloria
- 38. Giant ___ (Wild mushroom that looks just like its name)
- 40. Inclined
- 43. ___ you serious?"
- 45. Manitoba, e.g.
- 46. Kind of construction block
- 47. Dress
- 48. Take, as someone's purse
- 49. Tenet
- 50. Mr. Flynn
- 51. Finger point
- 55. Carbamide
- 56. Italy's former currency
- 57. Kimono's look-changers
- 58. Bit of bangs
- 59. Drains
- 61. Swanky 'sure'

**CONCEPTIS SUDOKU**

by Dave Green

Every row, column and box contains 1-9

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*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** by Sally Brompton**Aries** March 21 - April 20

Negative feelings could come to the surface as the full moon draws close, but if you deal with them openly and honestly they should not bother you too much. Deal with it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

If you feel like doing something different just do it and worry about the consequences later. If you seek advice, friends will tell you to forget about it — so don't ask.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Some things are possible and some are not. If you don't know the difference then what happens today will leave you in no doubt at all. Don't condemn yourself if you make a mistake: at least you tried.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Something upsetting may occur but if you look at it logically and from a higher perspective you will see that fate is teaching you a lesson: sometimes you have to give up one thing in order to get something better.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Your chores and duties may become such a burden that you consider getting rid of them and starting from scratch. Go for it. Be bold and change your life.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If you want something badly enough you will find a way to get it, but you may regret it by the time of the full moon on Saturday. Try not to annoy people who are bigger than you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Your sixth sense tells you that something big is going to happen but there is no need to get anxious about it. Whatever comes your way, you will make the most of it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something seems to be worrying you, but there is no need to torment yourself. Instead of focusing on what might go wrong, find ways to make life more enjoyable and rewarding.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

As far as your money situation is concerned things may have to get worse before they get better. The tide will turn by the start of next week and, looking back, you will realize it was all for your own good.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Do the right thing at the right time, especially on the work front. If you act too fast or, worse, too slow you will open yourself up to criticism from rivals and others who don't want you to succeed.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You are doing a lot of self-analysis of late. You keep asking yourself why you let yourself to feel the way you did about issues that are of no real importance. Let it go.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

For quite some time now you have had the feeling that you are on the wrong track, and what happens next may confirm your suspicions. This is the start of a new adventure.

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